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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Eisenstadt, Bruck, Wiener Neustadt and St. Poelten

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Eisenstadt.

- On 2 August 1951, billeting equipment from the Katiner Settlement was hauled to the Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55) railroad station on motor vehicles which were driven by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.
- The Jaeger Kaserne quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicle 50X1-HUM, driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck 50X1-HUM, marked with a red cross, were seen at the installation. The billeting area was blocked to view.
- During a two-hour period of observation, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering and leaving the former provincial government building. (1)

Bruck on the Leitha River.

- On 3 August, six SU-100 SP guns were seen in the garages southeast of the railroad station of Bruck (P 49/X 77) on the Leitha River. Two more SP guns practiced firing at the target range for armored vehicles. 50X1-HUM
- Trucks 50X1-HUM and jeep 50X1-HUM all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the camp in the woods near Bruck. Trucks 50X1-HUM left the camp, occupied by a total of 30 officers. Four 50X1-HUM majors and 4 captains, riding in jeeps 50X1-HUM inspected the loading ramp of the Bruck railroad station. Jeeps 50X1-HUM driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were parked in front of the railroad station. 50X1-HUM
- At about 3 p.m. on 3 August, a train of 10 boxcars carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets and several flatcars loaded with materiel was seen near Himberg (P 49/X 48), en route from the direction of Vienna toward Bruck on the Leitha River. The materiel on the train included 1 wheeled armored personnel carrier, 2 SP guns, 1 AT gun, 3 jeeps and 6 trucks 50X1-HUM (2)

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Wiener Neustadt.

7. On 30 July, the Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt (O 48/Y 34) seemed to have been vacated. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. (3)

St. Pölten.

8. On 30 July, only small groups of soldiers were seen at Camp Spratzern near St. Pölten (O 49/W 88). No tanks or artillery pieces were noticed. Sentries at the camp entrances on Maria Zellerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern included trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia; trucks and jeep driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; truck and truck occupied by 20 soldiers. A motorcycle driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia was seen coming from the direction of Pöhlten. (4)

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Comments.

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- (1) The hauling of billeting equipment on air force trucks from the Kattner Settlement to the railroad station indicates that this installation in Eisenstadt is also going to be vacated by the air force troops. In early July 1951, the Jaeger Kaserne and the former provincial government building were occupied by component units of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which had previously been stationed in Rad Fischau.

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- (2) the train carried a component of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which had been transferred from Rad Fischau to Eisenstadt at the beginning of July 1951. It is possible that the unit on the train returned to Eisenstadt from the Pöhlersheim troop training grounds via Bruck.

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- (3) The number of troops in the Artillerie Kaserne has apparently further decreased.

- (4) The fact that no activity or tanks were noticed at Camp Spratzern confirms a previous report indicating that the 150th Tank Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div may have moved out.

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